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Sent: Fri 8/14/2015 6:15:07 PM
Subject: Re: News Release - Drinking Water Update

All -

Please disregard the subject line. This isn't about drinking water --- I wanted to let you know that I appreciate our collective desires to pull together on the Gold King - Animas River issues. It appears that things are more organized and that we are working toward solutions. And, it is time that I step back and transition the coordination role for CPW to Area Wildlife Manager Matt Thorpe.

CPW Director Bob Broscheid and DNR Executive Director Mike King remain committed to monitoring our natural resources and have committed to help as needed. Matt will keep me posted and let me know if you need anything from higher levels within CPW and/or DNR.

- We collected fish today to address human consumption issues and send them to CDPHE in Denver on Monday. We don't want a delay in shipping to result in fish that are not useful for CDPHE's analysis.
- Jim White, our local aquatic biologist, will be sampling fish for population level impacts and comparing that with our background data. This will occur later this month.

- We understand that the highest priorities are human health, drinking water, local business, etc. Our role is largely to help with wildlife-related recreation issues and monitor the long term health of our wildlife.
- We understand the need/desire for the community to "help" and will work with the local angling community on a meaningful project. Matt will be working with CPW staff and anglers on the Animas to integrate them into our efforts . . .

Thank you all and keep up the good work!

"Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others."
 – Robert Louis Stevenson

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On Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 5:52 PM, Sarah Jacobson <Sarah.Jacobson@co.laplata.co.us> wrote:

FYI - this was just sent out.

La Plata County, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), EPA, and San Juan Basin Health are conducting sampling upon request of household water from water wells that are in close proximity to the Animas River that may be influenced by river water. If you have a well used for household water and would like a sample collected, please call the La Plata County Call Center at (970) 385-8700. Residents should not take their own samples; technicians will be sent to sample the water from homes. If discoloration is observed in well water or residents are highly concerned, the EPA will provide drinking water.

At this time, the call center is being overwhelmed and officials are asking that only those who may have wells directly affected by this incident call in.

County residents who have cisterns and haul their water are asked to reduce their water usage and obtain their water from water docks outside of Durango.

The Bayfield water dock is available 24/7 and is located on the corner of Mountain View and Spruce. Due to some pre-planned repair work, the Mancos water dock

will not be available until Tuesday, August 11th. The Mancos water dock is located at the corner of E. Montezuma and South Main in Mancos and is open 24/7.

Water for livestock is available by calling the La Plata County Call Center at (970) 385-8700 hours operation are 8:00am-8:00pm.

The City of Durango wants to remind residents and businesses that if they pay their water bill to the City of Durango, their tap water is safe to drink. City staff turned off and blocked the intakes from the Animas River last Wednesday before the plume reached Durango. The pumps will remain off until the Animas is safe. Because the Florida River is now the sole source of drinking water, it is imperative that residents and businesses continue to conserve as much water as possible.

CDPHE is working closely with public drinking water systems to ensure safe drinking water.